

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

Alexandria Division

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

RAYMOND RAHBAR JR.,

Defendant.

Case No. 1:24-cr-180-PTG

MOTION FOR STATUS CONFERENCE

On August 15, 2024, a grand jury returned an Indictment alleging various crimes related to fraudulently obtained Paycheck Protection Program loans. ECF No. 1. On August 22, 2024, Defendant Raymond Rahbar appeared for his arraignment.¹ ECF No. 14. At the arraignment, Mr. Mark Schamel entered a limited appearance on Rahbar's behalf. According to Mr. Schamel, he and Rahbar had not yet finalized the terms of Mr. Schamel's continued representation. On August 29, 2024, Mr. Schamel indicated by email that he had not yet been formally retained by Rahbar. Mr. Schamel noted that while he hoped he would eventually be able to appear on behalf of Rahbar, he had advised Rahbar to apply for court-appointed counsel in the interim. As of the date of this filing, the Clerk's Office has not heard from Rahbar or received a financial affidavit from him as required to get court-appointed counsel.


To ensure that Rahbar has counsel and to prevent unnecessary delay, the United States respectfully requests the Court set this matter for a status conference. A status conference would

¹ Rahbar's alleged coconspirator, Ryan Macaulay, also appeared at the arraignment.

help clarify Rahbar's representation situation. This, in turn, will allow the Court to determine whether to appoint counsel for Rahbar.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on September 4, 2024, I filed the foregoing document with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system which will generate a Notice of Electronic Filing to all parties of record.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'CHH', is positioned above a horizontal line.

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